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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 2 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (S/1998/839)

Briefing by Judge Gabrielle Kirk McDonald

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	25th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Dr. Jamil Mahuad Witt, Constitutional President of the Republic of Ecuador.
2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Comoros

   Albania

   Trinidad and Tobago

   Mali

   Equatorial Guinea

   Madagascar

   Eritrea

(continued overleaf)

3 p.m. 26th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Conclusion of the general debate [9]:

Guinea-Bissau

Rwanda

Haiti

Angola

Georgia

Uzbekistan

Sao Tome and Principe

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	6th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

Documents A/C.6/53/WG.1/CRP.13, CRP.14, CRP.15, CRP.16 and CRP.17

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (UNPREDEP)

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Briefing

Members of the Fifth Committee are invited to a special briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E. Connor, on the report of the Secretary-General on the Development Account (A/52/1009), to be held *today*, 2 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 2 October 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on the organization of work for the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: preparations for the high-level review in the year 2000 of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

2 p.m.-3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(briefing by the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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There will be a meeting of Member States of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) on disarmament matters *today*, 2 October 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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The twentieth annual Forum of Parliamentarians for Global Action, on the theme "In Defense of Human Dignity: Striking the Balance of Peace and Justice", will continue *today*, 2 October 1998, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Briefing

A briefing, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, which was adopted last November by the General Conference of UNESCO, will take place *today*, 2 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The briefing will be given by Mme Noelle Lenoir, Member of the French Constitutional Council and Special Adviser to the Director-General of UNESCO on the Ethics of Science and New Technologies. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from *today*, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 5 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	27th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	28th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/53/1) [10].

2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.2) [20 (b)].

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.	8th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/53/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977, tel.: 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

As recommended in General Assembly resolution 50/227, the Second Committee will hold informal consultations on all organizational matters on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, are open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/53/L.1/Rev.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248, fax: 212-963-5935).

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 3rd meeting on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its organization of work, and agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account), 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support Account and Death and disability), 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and human resources management: Gratis personnel).

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers on all the items before the Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to do so with the Office of the Secretary of the Fifth Committee (tel.: 212-963-0542, fax: 212-963-0360).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be a briefing by Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), Chairman of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, on the status of preparation and proposed organization of work for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, on Monday, 12 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panelists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

Announcement

The statement scheduled to be delivered on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, at 10 a.m. by the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E. Connor, on agenda item 115 (Improving the financial situation of the United Nations), will now be made at 3 p.m. on the same day.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committe matters)* on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(briefing by the United Nations Development Group Office (UNDG) on the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF))* on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The deadline for registration is Thursday, 8 October 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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Briefings

The Under-Secretary-General of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) will hold an informal briefing for delegations on issues to be considered at the Second Committee of the General Assembly on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system. The informal briefing will be held on Monday, 5 October 1998, at *11.30 a.m.* in Conference Room 7.

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The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) will hold a briefing on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, from 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room D. The Executive Director of UNAIDS, Dr. Peter Piot, will brief participants on the experience of the United Nations Theme Groups on HIV/AIDS at country-level and on the United Nations reform aspects of UNAIDS. All Member and Observer States and United Nations bodies and agencies are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

An informal presentation will be given by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, on Wednesday, 7 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The presentation will include the presentation by the President of the World Bank at the annual meetings of the Bank (by video) and a brief discussion of the 1998 annual report of the Bank. Copies of the report will be available. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 30 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

22nd plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Jacques Baudin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Senegal and for Senegalese living abroad.

H.E. Mr. Janez Drnovsek, Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Hon. Janet Bostwick, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Bahamas; H.E. Mr. Ohn Gyaw, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar; H.E. Mr. José Luis Jesus, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Communities of Cape Verde; and H.E. The Hon. Allan Cruickshank, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tourism and Information of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

H.E. The Hon. Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister for National Security, Foreign Affairs, Finance, Planning and Information of Saint Kitts and Nevis, addressed the General Assembly.

H.E. The Hon. Donald Kalpokas, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vanuatu, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Hon. Keli Walubita, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Zambia; and H.E. The Hon. Ivan Antonovich, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belarus.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Chile, Croatia, Bolivia, Belarus and Chile.

Thursday, 1 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

23rd plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Mahamat Saleh Annadif, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Chad; H.E. Mr. Abdel-Elah Khatib, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jordan; H.E. The Hon. Thomas Motsoahae Thabane, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lesotho; H.E. Mr. Rodolphe Adada, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Congo; H.E. Mr. Blagoj Handziski, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; H.E. The Hon. Eriya Kategaya, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uganda; H.E. Mr. Sama Banya, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Sierra Leone; and H.E. Mr. Casimir Oye Mba, Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Gabon.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.1) [20 (b)]

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and Japan.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.1 (resolution 53/1).

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 20 (b).

24th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 24th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/190).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Signature: Maldives (1 October 1998)

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Paris, 13 January 1993

Ratification: Viet Nam (30 September 1998)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: Comoros (1 October 1998)

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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Special event

Under the sponsorship of UNESCO, "Crossing the Bridge", a theatrical presentation involving Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian actors, will take place on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, at 7 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of delegations, the Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited. A reception will follow.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Habitat Day, 1998

On the occasion of the World Habitat Day, 1998, the New York Office of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) will hold a panel discussion on the theme: "Safer Cities" on Monday, 5 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The Deputy Secretary-General will be among the participants. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, United Nations agencies and programmes, accredited correspondents and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until 16 October 1998.

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